

REMARKS

Applicants' respectfully request that the Applicants' previous Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed September 10, 2008 be entered prior to the entry of this amendment. Upon entry of both of these amendments, only claims 16, 18, and 20 remain pending for consideration, which the Advisory Action dated September 25, 2008 indicated were allowable. Claims 1-15, 17, 19, and 21-28 have been cancelled. Accordingly, since all of the remaining pending claims 16, 18, and 20 are allowable, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

SUMMARY

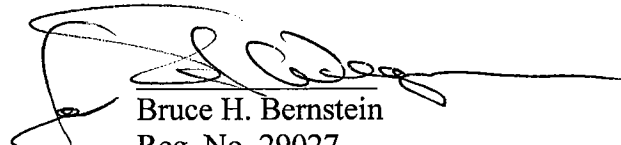
From the amendments and remarks provided above, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims 16, 18, and 20 in the present application are patentable over the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination. Additionally, claims 16, 18 and 20 have been indicated as being allowable in the Advisory Action dated September 25, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Applicants note that this amendment is being made to advance prosecution of the application to allowance, and should not be considered as surrendering equivalents of the territory between the claims prior to the present amendment and the amended claims. Further, no acquiescence as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejections is made by the present amendment. All other amendments to the claims which have been made by this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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